Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 28 Oct 2023 until 23:59 on Sunday 29 Oct 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 28 Oct 2023 at 02:16 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for unsettled for much of the period, low for timing of worst of conditions and transitioning to colder, drier fare for Tuesday for a time.

Headline for Saturday 28 Oct 2023: Cloudy and showery with east wettest. Gale force summit winds, bringing a severe chill effect.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 28 Oct 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
30%	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Saturday 28 Oct 2023

Weather: Mainly cloudy with showers. Best of any brighter spells expected through the morning and in the far west for the likes of Mull and Jura. Showers always focused towards the Trossachs merging to longer spells of rain, turning wintry at times across the very highest tops.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in west and 30-40% in east.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in showers and rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases quite extensive from 600m in east and scattered or broken in west.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	46/55 E	48/60 E	42/53 E	41/53 E	36/47 E	37/48 E	37/49 E
900	31/41 E	34/47 E	31/42 E	32/44 E	30/42 E	30/42 E	27/39 E
600	35/42 E	38/47 E	36/45 E	36/46 E	34/44 E	31/40 E	29/39 NE
300	16/24 E	18/28 E	20/30 E	17/27 E	13/23 E	11/19 E	11/18 NE
Glen	8/17 NE	7/19 NE	12/26 E	11/22 NE	12/23 NE	11/25 NE	8/21 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
1300	1/-8	1/-8	1/-7	1/-7	1/-8	1/-7	1/-7
900	4/-2	4/-3	4/-2	4/-2	3/-3	4/-3	4/-2
600	7/1	7/0	7/1	7/1	7/1	7/1	6/1
300	9/6	9/5	9/6	9/6	8/5	8/5	8/6
Glen	10/9	10/9	12/9	11/9	10/8	10/7	10/8
Freezing Level*	1600m	1500m	1600m	1500m	1400m	1500m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Some difficult conditions, particularly across the east with quite extensive hill fog, and a severe chill effect in summit gales coupled with frequent showers, wintry across highest tops.

Forecast for Sunday 29 Oct 2023
Weather: Similar to Saturday with mainly cloudy skies coupled with showers that will be frequent and heavy at times in the east, particularly towards the Trossachs, with snow level lowering to around 900 m by days end.

Maximum wind: East to Northeast beginning mean 40 mph with gusts reaching 55-60 mph across most exposed ridges and summits, decreasing gradually from afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80% in west and 30-40% in east.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good becoming moderate or poor in showers and rain, very poor in snow and within cloud with bases quite extensive from 600m in east and scattered or broken in west.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 Celsius increasing 11 Celsius for the afternoon
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius decreasing plus 3 Celsius later
Freezing level: 1500 m lowering 1000 m later

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